

REMARKS

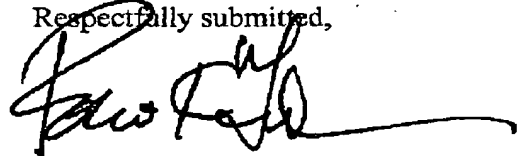
The Examiner's Action of October 16, 2006 finally rejecting the claims in the case is noted and the interview with the Examiner is greatly appreciated. In accordance therewith, the claims as presented herein were agreed to distinguish over the art cited.

In the course of the interview with the Examiner, the Examiner brought to Applicant's attention the Brennan et al. reference, namely U.S. Patent No. 5,329,578.

It was agreed that the claims presented herewith distinguish over a combination of the Baehr et al. reference and the Brennan et al. reference.

Allowance of the claims and issuance of the case is therefore earnestly solicited. Alternatively, entry of this Amendment for purposes of appeal is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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